

## Spotlight on York . . .

York County was named for York County, Pennsylvania. The county was first established in 1785 as part of the Camden District. Part of the county went to form Cherokee County in 1897. When European settlers arrived, the Catawba Indians inhabited this part of the state. The Catawba signed a treaty with the English in 1763, relinquishing their rights to much of their land. This treaty opened up the area to Scotch-Irish settlers moving down from Pennsylvania and up from the lowcountry. The Catawba Nation is now the only federally recognized Indian tribe in the state. Two battles were fought in this area during the Revolutionary War; Williamson's Plantation (July 12, 1780) and Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780); the latter battle was a major victory for the Americans. Small-scale cotton farming was prevalent in the county in the nineteenth century, but textile mills became important in the twentieth century, contributing to the growth of the county's largest city, Rock Hill.

### Rock Hill Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the northern area of the state
- Surrounded by Cherokee, Union, Chester, and Lancaster counties, with North Carolina to the north
- This region has an average temperature of 61.6 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 46.9 inches.

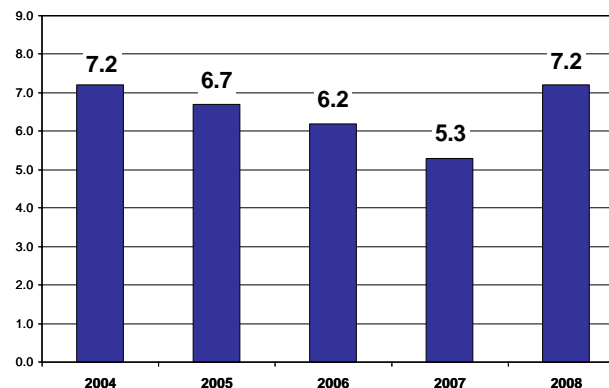
### Population

- Was 208,560 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 235,930 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 77.6% White, 19.4% African-American, and 3.0% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 3,220 in 2000 to 7,653 in 2007, a 137.7% change.

### Labor Force

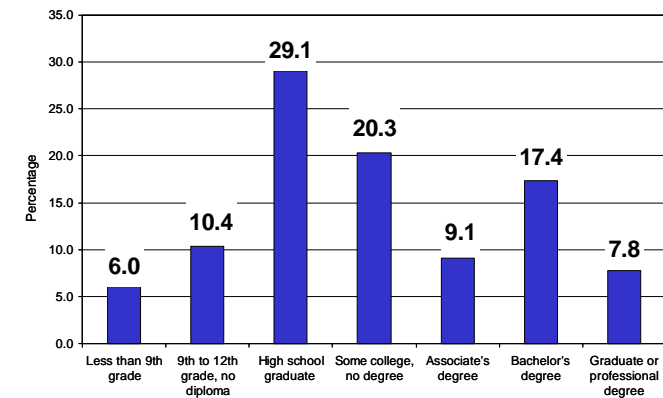
- Increased from 104,570 in 2007 to 106,780 in 2008
- Employment rose from 99,020 in 2007 to 99,080 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 5.3% in 2007 to 7.2% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for York County  
2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

York County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$32,630 for 2007.
- This was 105% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 84% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Rock Hill Workforce Center, which serves York County, paid \$16,578,605 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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